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An Old Favorite

THE BURIAL OF SIR JOHN MOORE

By Charles Wolfe

"IN the lottery of literature Charles Wolfe has been one of the few who have drawn the prize of probable immortality from a casual gleam of inspiration thrown over a single poem consisting of only a few stanzas." The Rev. Charles Wolfe was born in Dublin Dec. 14, 1791. He was educated at the University of Dublin and took holy orders in 1817. He died of consumption at the age of thirty-one. Sir John Moore, a celebrated English general, was killed at Coruna, Spain, Jan. 16, 1800. Lord Byron pronounced the following ode the most beautiful in the English language.

NOT a drum was heard, not a funeral note,
As his corse to the rampart we hurried;
Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot
O'er the grave where our hero we buried.

We buried him dorkly, at dead of night,
The sods with our bayonets turning;
By the struggling moonbeams' misty light,
And the lantern dimly burning.

No useless coffin enclosed his breast,
Nor in sheet nor in shroud we wound him;
But he lay, like a warrior taking his rest,
With his martial cloak around him.

Few and short were the prayers we said,
And we spoke not a word of sorrow;
But we steadfastly gazed on the face of the dead,
And we bitterly thought of the morrow.

We thought, as we hollowed his narrow bed,
And smoothed down his lonely pillow,
That the foe and the stranger would tread o'er his head,
And we far away on the billow!

Lightly they'll talk of the spirit that's gone,
And o'er his cold ashes upbraid him;
But little he'll reck, if they let him sleep on
In the grave where a Briton has laid him!

But half of our heavy task was done,
When the clock tolled the hour for retiring;
And we heard the distant and random gun
That the foe was sullenly firing.

Slowly and sadly we laid him down,
From the field of his fame fresh and gory!
We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone,
But we left him alone in his glory.

TRAINS CAUGHT IN THE FLOOD

SEVENTY-FIVE PASSENGERS ARE PRISONERS, SURROUNDED BY MILES OF WATER.

GREAT DANGER THREATENS

Wide Territory In the South—Waters Rise and the Levees Giving Away.

Memphis, Tenn., March 18.—The flood situation tonight shows a number of new and serious developments and there is scarcely a ray of hope for improved conditions yet, except the fact that the tributaries of the Mississippi north of Memphis are reported falling. One of the most serious developments is the washing out of all lines of rail-sight whose trains were about 75 and completely tying up of the traffic through the Memphis gateway to that section. The indications are that traffic cannot be resumed until the flood subsides.

So sudden did the rise come in Arkansas, across the river from Memphis after the St. Francis levee broke at Price's Landing, that two passenger trains were caught between the washed out points and are now surrounded by water on blind tracks in the overflow territory, with no particle of land in sight within a mile of their position. Aboard these trains were about 75 passengers and the crews of each and tonight over 100 of these remain on the tracks with no prospects of being taken off until tomorrow or later. However, they are not considered to be in danger.

The trains are on the track of the Iron Mountain near Altmar, Ark., before them are washed out tracks, and on this side the foundation has been carried away until the passage is extremely unsafe. By taking risks several hand cars succeeded in reaching the waterbound trains today and about 50 passengers were brought to this city over the submerged and shaky tracks. The remainder refused to attempt the return and are housed in the coaches, being fed by the railroad companies.

Rescued in Skiffs.
Some persons were rescued from Marlin, Ark., by means of skiffs, and the situation there is somewhat relieved. Eight white families and fully 290 negroes remain there in the second stories of the buildings. Over 1000 head of live stock has been gathered at the village. The city all have been filled with travelers who have been delayed on account of the wash-out west of the river, but the roads have made plans to relieve this congestion. The refugees continue to arrive in large numbers. The flooded portion of the city has grown considerably with the advance of the river today.

Pouring Through Crevasse.
Natchez, Miss., March 18.—The water is pouring through the crevasse at Beugere, La., has filled the swamp lands in the lower and Concordia parish and is backing up the bayous. The Black river at Jonesville, La., reached the danger line today and is still rising.

Sixteen Miles Wide.
New Orleans, March 18.—The river here is 16 miles wide and it is predicted will reach a stage of 21 feet. The highest previous record is 19.5. No alarm is felt here.

Merchants Ship Goods.
Vicksburg, Miss., March 18.—Alarming reports as to condition of the levee at Duvall's Landing are unfounded. The embankment is intact and shows no signs of weakness. Many warehouses and a number of residences on the river front in this city are flooded. Merchants are shipping goods to places of safety.

CLEVELAND'S 66TH BIRTHDAY

Receives Many Telegrams of Congratulation and Personal Expressions of Good Will.

HIS OPINION ON CANAL TREATY.

Princeton, N. J., March 18.—Former President Cleveland was sixty-six years old today. He passed the day quietly with his family, was the recipient of many congratulatory telegrams and his intimate Princeton friends called and extended best wishes.

In response to a request for his opinion on the passage of the canal bill, Mr. Cleveland dictated the following: "It is very gratifying the bill has passed the senate and I hope there will be no further delay at beginning of the work, which I believe is going to mark an epoch in the commerce and transportation of the age and will be a glorious contribution by the American navy to the trade of the world."

MINE AT CARDIFF ABANDONED

And Four Hundred Miners Will Leave the Town.

Springfield, Ill., March 18.—Advices received by State Secretary Ryan of the United Mine Workers from Cardiff are that the fire resulting from Sunday's and Monday's explosions have burned the shaft timbers, destroyed the tipple of the engine and machine room. The mine was flooded and will be abandoned, no attempt probably will be made to recover the remaining bodies. The loss to the company is \$75,000. Four hundred miners were employed and they are preparing to leave town.

Plimley's Name Withdrawn.
Washington, March 18.—The following statement was given out at the office of the investigation being made by the treasury department: "In view of the investigation being made by the treasury department the name of William Plimley for assistant treasurer at New York, and this has been done."

CONSPIRACY IS CHARGED

Wabash Attorney Asserts Trainmen are Trying to Injure Business of Company.

TO FORCE UNION RECOGNITION.

St. Louis, March 18.—The affidavits were finished and arguments commenced late this afternoon in the Wabash injunction suit.

Col. Wells H. Blodgett, leading counsel for the railroad, spoke for an hour when court adjourned until tomorrow. Blodgett contended the Wabash employees were not dissatisfied and that no alleged grievances originated with them, but with the defendants of this case. He argued on the theory that a conspiracy existed between the trainmen's unions to injure the Wabash road in order to bring about recognition of the unions.

The company filed a number of affidavits of employees which states that national officers of trainmen declared they would tie up the entire Gould system unless the union is recognized. The union officials filed affidavits in rebuttal making energetic denial of the statements made in the company's affidavits.

GERMAN PATRIOTS.

Of 1848 Remembered By Placing Wreaths On Graves.

Berlin, March 18.—This being the anniversary of the revolutionary outbreak in 1848, crowds of Berliners wandered to the cemetery to decorate the graves of those killed in the rioting. A police lieutenant stood at the gate and examined the inscriptions on the wreaths, while a policeman standing behind him with a pair of shears clipped off ribbons on which objectionable inscriptions had been made. Wreaths containing humorous verse about the "Herr Lieutenant" were passed.

Conservators Suffer Reverse.

London, March 18.—The conservatives suffered a crushing reverse in Rye division, Sussex, where a bye-election was held yesterday for a successor to A. H. Brookfield, conservative. The result was a majority of 534 over Edward Boyle, conservative. Hutchinson appealed to the electors as a critic of the government's whole policy.

DECISION OF COMMISSION

Filed With the President and Will Be Made Public on Saturday Morning.

BOTH SIDES TO ABIDE BY IT.

Washington, March 18.—Judge Gray, chairman, and Carroll D. Wright, recorder of the strike commission, called on the president today and presented to him the report of the commission. It is a voluminous document, covering fully all phases of the controversy. Both sides have promised to abide by the decision of the tribunal. The details of the report will be awaited with great interest, not only by operators and miners, but also by the public generally.

At the conclusion of the interview with the president, Col. Wright announced the report will be made public at his office Saturday morning. About the same time it will be placed in the hands of representatives of the operators and the miners and parties directly interested.

The unanimous decision of the strike commission discussed the report with the president at dinner tonight but their hands are tied as far as concerns any public disclosure of any of the features of the report.

Miners Think It Will Be Favorable.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 18.—The announcement that the strike commission will make known its award Saturday next has caused much anxiety among the miners in Wyoming Valley. The leading officers of the United Mine Workers seen this evening feel satisfied that there will be substantial reward for the long struggle of last year. Some leading miners believe they will receive an increase of at least ten per cent, an eight hour day for steam men and nine hours day for the company hands. They will not prophesy on the disposition the commission has made of the demand for the weighing of coal.

To Save Chicago Orchestra.

Chicago, March 18.—The initial step in a movement to save the Chicago orchestra from dissolution and insure it a permanent home in the future was taken today. A committee was appointed which will endeavor to raise the remaining unexpended two-thirds of the required \$750,000.

Danger of War Removed.

Washington, March 18.—U. S. Minister Combs at Guatemala City, today cabled the state department that the president of Guatemala was withdrawing troops from the frontier. It is believed this action removes the danger of war with Honduras.

American Blue Jackets in Rome.

Rome, March 18.—A detachment of American sailors from the gunboat Machias, now at Naples, arrived here today and visited the city and public monuments. They attracted much attention by their smart appearance and orderly behavior.

Pope's Condition Unchanged.

Rome, March 18.—The condition of the pope has undergone no change during the last few days. He is still a little hoarse and Dr. Laponni has recommended him to suspend his audiences merely to save his strength.

Erie Navigation Open.

Detroit, Mich., March 18.—Navigation of Lake Erie opened today when the steamer City of Detroit left here for Cleveland with 100 passengers and a full load of freight.

Confirmations.

Washington, March 18.—Hugo Muehl, consul of the United States at Plauen, Germany; Alexander Magister, receiver of public moneys at Eau Claire, Wis.; Frederick Reitz, postmaster at Nellyville, Wis.

FOUR JUDGES HEAR CASE

FIGHT OF GOVERNMENT AGAINST NORTHERN PACIFIC MERGER ON AT ST. LOUIS.

HEARING UNDER SPECIAL ACT

Noted Attorneys are Making Arguments in Behalf of the Contending Interests.

St. Louis, March 18.—For the first time in the history of the United States courts, and by authority of a special act of congress passed last February, four United States circuit judges are sitting together to hear arguments in a case, the trial being the fight of the government against the Northern Securities company, in the celebrated merger suit. Under this special act the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota is holding its first session in St. Louis, and by this arrangement the case can go immediately from this court to the supreme court of the United States.

The judges before whom the merger cases are being argued are: Caldwell, Sanborn, Thayer, and Vandewater.

Attorneys for the government are Assistant Attorney General James M. Beck and William H. Day, and special counsel D. T. Watson of Pittsburgh, United States Attorney D. P. Dier, of St. Louis, assisting.

For the company, former Attorney Gen. John W. Griggs, former Judge Geo. B. Young of St. Paul, M. D. Grover, general attorney of the Great Northern railroad, and C. W. Bunn, general attorney for the Northern Pacific.

Most of today's session was taken up with the presentation of argument for government by General Beck. After he had concluded late in the afternoon the argument for the company was begun by Judge Young. Beck did not finish until 8:30 p. m.

When Beck had finished Young began his argument for the company. He sketched the building of the Great Northern and the extension to the Pacific coast and explained the early difficulties in securing trade routes and the time spent building up the lumber trade from the coast. He then followed with a summary of the building up and branching out of the trans-Pacific trade and the enlargement of the railroad interests. After he had spoken half an hour, court adjourned until tomorrow, when Young will continue.

PLIMLEY'S NAME WITHDRAWN

President Roosevelt Convinced That Charges Made Against Him Warranted This Action.

HAMILTON FISH IS NAMED.

Washington, March 18.—The president today withdrew the nomination of William Plimley for assistant treasurer at New York and later sent to the senate the nomination of Hamilton Fish to the office and it was confirmed promptly.

Plimley's nomination was confirmed by the senate the day after its transmission by the president. His commission was made out and signed by the president, but had not been delivered when it developed that charges had been preferred against Plimley, and important New York financial interests protested against his appointment. Investigation convinced the president that the charges against Plimley were sufficient for the withdrawal of the nomination and this was done and Fish was chosen. The latter is a son of former Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.

Deaths of the Day.

Bloomington, Ill., March 18.—Dr. Samuel McLean, superintendent of the Illinois Asylum for the Feeble Minded Children at Lincoln, is dead, aged 55. He was a presidential elector in 1900.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 18.—Major A. George Conney, one of the crack shots of the country, is dead, aged 63.

New York, March 18.—General Schuyler Hamilton, a classmate of General Grant at West Point and a distinguished veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, is dead, aged 83.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 18.—A steamer from Liverpool; Astoria from Glasgow; Queenstown—Saxonia from Boston for Liverpool and proceeded.

Liverpool—Oceanic from New York; Rhynland from Philadelphia; Southampton—Philadelphia from New York.

Anti Merger Arguments.

St. Louis, March 18.—The hearing of arguments in the anti-merger case of the United States government against the Northern Securities company, of New Jersey, began this morning in the federal court of appeals. James M. Beck, assistant attorney general opened for the government.

Snow in London.

London, March 18.—The heaviest snow-fall of the winter is reported from parts of England today. Rain fell elsewhere. Britain and Ireland, accompanied by gales causing floods and great damage.

Carnegie Will Pay.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 18.—President Schmitt of Cornell university today received a letter from Andrew Carnegie offering to pay for the projected Cornell filtering plant.

Elevator Falls Five Stories.

Louisville, Ky., March 18.—The elevator at the Jefferson county court house here, fell five stories this morning, injuring eight of the fourteen passengers, two seriously.

First Trip In Season.

Cleveland, O., March 18.—The steamer City of Detroit arrived this afternoon on the first trip of the season. With one or two exceptions the present season opens earlier than for many years.

BEHIND A STOUT STOCKADE

And Under Heavily Armed Guards Men Go to Work In K. C. & S. Shops.

WILL LIVE ON SHOP GROUNDS.

Pittsburg, Kan., March 18.—After being idle for a week the Kansas City Southern railway shops here started today with a force of 90 non-union men brought in on a special train from the north. Armed guards furnished by the railway were unnecessary, as the strikers made no attempt to molest the new men.

A stockade is being built around the shops and grounds, inside of which the new men will sleep and eat in tents and boarding cars. Today fifty guards walked a beat around the shops, while three hundred rifles were stacked inside of the enclosure.

FIVE PER CENT INCREASE

Demand By Iron Molders of Stove Manufacturers.

Cincinnati, O., March 18.—Iron molders union will tomorrow present a demand to the stove manufacturers' national defensive association for a ten per cent increase in wages. A conference of officers of the two associations will be held tomorrow. The union will be represented by Martin Fox, National president, and Joseph Valentine, National vice president. The founders association will be represented by C. H. Castle, of Quincy, Ill., president; Thomas J. Hogan, secretary, Lazard Kahn of Hamilton; Henry Cribben, of Chicago and D. McAfee, of Quincy, Ill. It is believed a compromise will be reached.

THE SUPREME COURT

Settles Terre Haute Vaccination Fight By Refusing Injunction.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 18.—The supreme court finally settled the Terre Haute vaccination fight today by refusing to grant a restraining order to prevent the school and health authorities from excluding from the schools healthy but unvaccinated children from the schools.

CHAMBER SUPPORTS COOMBE

The French Deputies Vote Against Proposed Authorization of Male Congregations.

RESULT RECEIVED WITH CHEERS

Paris, March 18.—The chamber today devoted the entire sitting to the finishing debate on the law refusing authorization to male religious congregations required under the law of the associations. The house finally adopted a report of the commission against the authorization by a small majority. Premier Combes occupied most of the session in presenting the position of the government on the question in the course of which he declared:

"Instead of love, fraternity and unity among the people, the teachings by congregations brought forth hatreds and alienated people from the republic. It was time to take measures to end this propaganda. The congregations were doing all in their power to destroy the republican doctrine and to show any weakness towards them would be unpardonable."

His declaration that the ministry made the passage of the report a question of confidence drew great applause from the government supporters.

When the premier retired he was given a prolonged ovation by the republican members and much hissing on the part of the conservatives and nationalists. After a brief reply by M. Ribot, the chamber voted the adoption of the commission's report 390 to 257. The announcement of the result was received with much enthusiasm.

CASTS SUSPICION ON DEAD.

Mrs. Burdick Will Say That Pennell Buffalo, March 18.—It is believed when Mrs. Burdick goes on the stand Monday she will be called upon to identify certain letters, in one of which it is alleged Pennell intimated the possibility of killing Burdick. She knew both men better than any one else knew of their strained relations, and it is thought her testimony will be the most important of the entire proceedings. The police believe the murder was committed by some one so familiar with the interior of the Burdick house that he went about the work with no fear of interruption.

C. & A. TROUBLE SETTLED.

Men Agree to Abide By Decision In Wabash Case.

Bloomington, Ill., March 18.—Trainmen of the Chicago & Alton railroad have accepted the schedule and working regulations submitted by the company after weeks of negotiations. The section regarding wages was left blank, both sides agreeing to abide by the outcome of the Wabash controversy.

STEAMER STUCK IN ICE.

Lake Boat With Twenty Passengers In Perilous Position.

Muskegon, Mich., March 18.—The steamer Alice Stafford, which left here last night for Chicago with 20 passengers, is hopelessly stuck in a huge flow of slush ice four miles out from this port. Fear is expressed the ice may grind a hole in the steamer's hull.

LOOKS LIKE FOUL PLAY.

Wealthy Man Found Dead With Pockets Ripped.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 18.—Henry Dwell, a wealthy lumberman of Lake City, Minn., dropped dead of apoplexy on a railroad crossing tonight. It is known he had considerable money when he reached here, but examination after death showed the pocketbook was ripped.

Return to Decatur.

Mrs. Jacob Shilling went to Decatur this morning for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. Dave Edmiston, of South Center street. Mrs. Shilling has recently returned from Colorado where she and her husband had gone for the latter's health and they will reside in Decatur, where they formerly lived.—Clinton Times, Wednesday.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, March 18.—Illinois—Rain and colder Thursday; Friday, fair, much colder; brisk south winds becoming northwest.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for the 24 hours ended Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Professor J. H. Conrad, government observer:

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EXTREMES IN THE WEATHER

WEST IN THE GRASP OF WORST BLIZZARD OF YEAR WHILE THE EAST

REVELS IN THE SUMMER AIR

High Temperature Registered in Many Places, Making New March Record.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 18.—According to the weather bureau today's heat broke the record for March for the entire thirty-three years since the establishment of the local weather bureau. At two o'clock the mark was 73, the highest previous record being 70.

Burlington, Ia., March 18.—The mercury rose to 55 in the shade here today. Yesterday it registered 49.

Blizzard in the West.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 18.—What stockmen consider the worst blizzard of the winter has been raging in this section since early morning. The weather is cold and stockmen say that unless the storm subsides soon losses of stock will be enormous.

Salt Lake, Utah, March 18.—The severest snow storm of the winter is prevailing today. The storm is general throughout southern Idaho, northern Utah and western Wyoming.

FLOODS IN SPRING VALLEY

Carry Out Mill Dam and Drown One Man.

Spring Valley, Wyo., March 18.—Very heavy rains last night caused floods in all the smaller rivers. At Martell, on Turb river, the mill dam went out, taking three men, two of whom were rescued. Leon Gasman was drowned and Henry Gasman badly hurt.

Soaking Rain in Wisconsin.

Plainfield, Wis., March 18.—The worst rain storm of the year prevailed over Central Wisconsin furiously last night and today, thoroughly soaking the ground and taking out what little hard frost there was. The winter rye fields are looking blue and green since the rain and promise well if severe cold weather does not follow.

Record Breaking Weather.

Cleveland, O., March 18.—The temperature today for March was a record breaker, according to the weather bureau. The record today is 78, the previous record was 74.

Heavy Snow at Denver.

Denver, Colo., March 18.—The snow storm which reached this city from the west this morning proved to be the most severe blizzard experienced this winter. Within the city, street cars with the exception of a few downtown lines are effectually stopped and trains have been stalled on some railroads.

Summer in Chicago.

Chicago, March 18.—Genuine, summer temperature swept over Chicago today and showed little sign of diminution tonight. The mercury climbed to the highest mark in 32 years for March, touching 74.3.

RUSSELL HARRISON WINS

In His Suit Against Wife of Former President.

Indianapolis, arch 18.—A decision was rendered today in a suit of Russell B. Harrison as trustee for his children against Mrs. Benjamin Harrison and others in favor of Col. Harrison as trustee and the judge signed a decree ordering the real estate of the late Benjamin Harrison upon which the suit was based to be sold and the proceeds distributed. The property involved is valued at \$60,000.

BODY OF STUDENT

Found in the Mississippi River at St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 18.—The body of Herman J. Horstendaniel, of Westphalia, Mo., was found in the river at the foot of Filmore street, today in a badly decomposed condition. Horstendaniel came to St. Louis six weeks ago to attend a business college. He disappeared several days later. Money was found in his pockets and the police are trying to discover how he met death.

MAY SAVE HIS FOOT.

Surgeons Hopeful Will Frew Will Not Submit to Amputation.

Merville E. Dunbar, chief clerk of the Wabash machinery department at Decatur, accompanied by his wife, went to Springfield yesterday to visit Mrs. Dunbar's brother, Will Frew, who is confined in the Wash hospital at that city. Monday Frew fell and had his foot crushed beneath the wheels of a caboose. Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar were informed yesterday by the hospital surgeons that the belief was that an amputation could not be necessary. Every effort possible will be made to avoid that extremity. Frew is resting as well as could be expected and says that he is fairly comfortable.

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THE SENATE'S LONG SESSION

MONEY OF MISSISSIPPI DEVOTES TIME TO DISCUSSION OF RACE QUESTION.

NEWLANDS ON CUBAN TREATY

Says Cuba Should Become Part of United States to Get Favors Asked.

Washington, March 18.—The race question was again discussed in the senate today. Senator Money spoke for two hours, his remarks having direct reference to the new treaty of reciprocity in closing the Indianapolis, Miss., postoffice. Money explained that if he could secure unanimous consent for leave to print in the Record what he intended to say he would not take up the time of the senate. The sentiment of the senate seemed to be that remarks not delivered should not be spread on the record. He therefore proceeded and delivered himself of some severe strictures of the president, stating in the course of his remarks that Roosevelt was not a president of America, but president of "black belt." At times he was closely interrupted by Foraker and Spooner. Before adjourning at 7 o'clock tonight the senate entered into a unanimous agreement to vote on the Cuban reciprocity treaty at 3 o'clock tomorrow. Hope of securing a vote today was dissipated by the discovery there were more speeches to be made in opposition to the treaty than had been counted upon. Indeed, it was difficult to secure the agreement to vote even tomorrow, and it was evident this result could not have been accomplished but for the anxiety of the senators to secure a final adjournment of the session.

The executive session covered six hours and was devoted largely to adverse criticisms of the treaty.

NEWLANDS' MAIDEN EFFORT

Was Against the Ratification of the Cuban Treaty.

In the senate executive session Senator Newlands delivered a speech notable not only because it was his maiden speech to the senate, but because he appeared as an open advocate of the annexation of Cuba and also as the opponent of the reciprocity treaty. He presented an amendment to the treaty in which it was declared that the United States "cordially invites the republic of Cuba to become a state of the Union under the constitution and laws of the United States." He argued in support of this amendment saying:

"We should give Cuba clearly and unequivocally to understand that if she wishes commercial union with this country and conditions of commerce with us, not enjoyed by other independent nations, she must seek a political union with us in the form of annexation as a part of the republic."

He expressed the opinion that the adoption of the policy of reciprocity with Cuba would lead to retaliation on the part of other nations.

Senator Spooner replying, sharply criticised Newlands' policy of annexation and said that political independence

ence has been guaranteed Cuba and

BIG COLLECTION

A FATALITY AT PIERSON

THIRTY MINUTES

NEW UNIVERSITY

G. H. SCOTT AS PRESIDENT

REPUBLICAN TICKET IN MILAM

NEARBY TOWNS

E. G. Allen Breaks Record In Amount of Taxes Secured In This Township.

THE TOTAL FOR THE COUNTY

Is \$330,881.94 and For Decatur It Is \$151,996.02.

The following is a summary of the collection of Macon county's taxes which has just been completed: Total amount collected in entire county \$330,881.94. Total collection Decatur township \$151,996.02. Total collection outside Decatur township \$178,885.92. Total delinquent Decatur township \$104,571.29. Total delinquent entire county \$114,241.46. Total money for county aside from commissions and percentage \$334,264.81. All of the taxes on Macon county have been collected and E. G. Allen, collector for Decatur township, who closed his office Wednesday night broke the record for any other collection ever made in this township.

The amount of taxes charged on the books was larger and the percent may not have been much higher than some former collections, but the total amount of money taken in this year was greater than any other collection ever made by the collector of Decatur township.

The amount which had been taken in by Mr. Allen when he closed his office Wednesday night was \$151,996.02. He will receive enough more by remittance today to make the total over \$152,000. The total amount of the collection made by Mr. Allen last year was \$148,471.53, so the collection this year was about \$3,500 more than the collection last year and this time the collector did not receive the books as soon and did not have them in his hands as long as last year.

The collector retains for his commission \$1500, or two per cent of \$75,000 collected. Two per cent of all over that amount goes to the township. This year Mr. Allen gets \$1,500 for his work and the pay of his clerk and \$1,559.92 is saved for the township, which is the greatest percentage the township ever got on a former collection.

The summary of Mr. Allen's books as they stood Wednesday night was as follows: Total amount charged \$334,264.81. Total amount collected \$151,996.02. Total delinquent \$104,571.29. Collector's commission \$1,500.00. Percentage for Decatur township \$1,539.92. These figures are both personal and real estate together.

The last of the township collectors outside of Decatur to settle with the county treasurer was the collector from Pleasant View township who turned over his money to Treasurer Moffat Wednesday.

The books showed the following figures: Pleasant View township, O. T. Crow, collector. Amount charged \$114,130.39. Amount collected \$12,611.95. Delinquent \$91,518.44. Commission \$1,518.05. The total amount of money collected outside of Decatur township and city was \$178,885.92. The total delinquent was \$114,130.39.

The following table shows the amount of money collected and the delinquent in each of the outside townships:

Township	Collected	Delinquent
Austin	7,416.20	797.23
Elm Mount	6,530.03	1,256.74
Friend's Creek	8,809.92	40.98
Hickory Point	12,314.14	40.82
Illini	11,193.53	133.10
Long Creek	9,851.65	266.79
Maroa	22,520.51	290.50
Marion	5,696.75	262.36
Mill Creek	12,858.06	628.18
Nantico	12,268.65	671.24
Oakley	6,915.49	182.33
Pleasant View	12,611.95	1,518.05
South Macon	10,994.64	2,768.32
West Wheatland	8,467.82	411.29
Whitmore	9,766.84	296.73

Totals \$178,885.92 \$9,670.17. The total amount collected and retained by the collectors as commissions outside of Decatur township was \$3,500. Deducting this amount from the total amount collected gives \$175,387.92 which was turned over to the county treasurer.

INTERURBAN PRELIMINARY

Engineering Corps Begins Work Today Selecting a Route West From This City.

A corps of civil engineers under the direction of W. H. Tarrant will arrive in Decatur this morning to begin the surveys for the proposed Chicago and Champaign Interurban railway.

Mr. Tarrant is the engineer who has been doing all the surveying for the road and he was in the city for a time Wednesday looking over the ground. His assistants will be here today and they will at once go to work.

The engineers will first ascertain the best way to get out of the city toward the west. The road will go west on Eldorado street to Union street and then turn to Green street and west out of the city.

Northwest of the city there is a good deal of rough land and it is here that the engineers will try to find the easiest way for the road to run. After the rough hilly land is passed and the level land is reached there will be no trouble about finding an easy route.

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Action should be taken soon to organize and make arrangements for the reception of the president and his party. A meeting should be held for this purpose. With a proper committee the proposition of having the president speak at the station to the university grounds can be easily arranged.

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Property Owners in the Eastern Part of the City May Ask for Paved Streets.

NORTH ELDORADO AND JASPER

Are All Under Consideration By the Property Owners Interested.

The fact that signers to a petition asking that William street, from the Illinois Central to Jasper street, be paved with asphalt, were so easily secured has inspired other property owners in that section with the idea that perhaps they can get their streets paved.

They believe that the principal thing necessary is to make the effort and some of them are willing to do that if there seems a prospect of that bringing success.

On East North street there is, among some of the property owners at least a sentiment that that street should be paved. Some of them want it done for their own personal satisfaction and there are others who figure that the improvement will make their property worth that much more at least in the open market. They want nothing but the best and if they petition for anything will ask for asphalt.

On East Eldorado street there are some of the property owners who are in favor of a pavement on that street. All of the people who are compelled to use it favor such an improvement and the persons who daily watch the teams toiling through the mud there constantly repeat, "Jasper street ought to be paved."

There is nothing in the line of improvement which has been made for the city than the paving of the streets, and that Jasper and other streets in the east end have been neglected in that respect is to be charged to the property owners who have opposed it. The one thing which might now stand in the way even if all the property owners should ask for the improvement is the fact that the city now has on hand practically all of the work of that kind that can be paid for during the coming season. If the property owners would make the right sort of an effort, no difficulty could be doubted to overcome.

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A Decatur attorney who has been spending a few days in the federal court in St. Louis listening to the proceedings in the Wabash injunction case is of the opinion that the injunction will be upheld by Judge Adams. The work so far has been largely in the presentation of affidavits. The officers of the brotherhoods, in a mass of affidavits, deny that they threatened a strike or that they had used power themselves to call out the men, but says the attorney, "the fact is, proceeding with President Ramsey, he was notified that if he did not answer by the following noon that a strike which involved 1200 or more men would be declared. 'Now,' continued the attorney, 'with this fact established, it does not seem that the affidavits will go very far in changing the mind of the judge who issued the injunction. When the matter is presented to him stripped of conclusions and based on facts and law, it looks as if it would appear that the men had threatened a strike and that after that to prevent the interstate business of the road being tied up, he applied for and was given the injunction restraining them. There is talk already of taking the matter to the supreme court in case the decision is against the brotherhood. Mr. Ramsey, in his affidavits, has much to support the allegation that he was threatened with a strike. When these conferences were held with the men there was a stenographer present and the conversation occurring was recorded in a short hand and has been made a part of the affidavits. If this injunction stands it will put a new phase on the strike question unless the law is changed by legislation. Railroads will be enabled to go into court and prevent a proposed organized strike from being ordered. The new question involved is attracting great attention among the members of the bar."

Want a Change.
Under the charter originally granted to the Illinois Central railroad company in lieu of taxes, the company has been making a state treasury seven percent of its gross earnings. The counties through which the original road passes receive nothing in the way of taxes, but the benefit comes in the indirect way of reducing the sum of the state taxes which might be assessed against that county. But that is not equitable because all counties, whether on the original line get the same if any benefit. There has been reported from the committee before the house in the general assembly a bill which provides that hereafter all of the counties through which the Illinois Central line as all other railroad lands are assessed and that the taxes which would be collected from other roads shall in this case be paid to the counties from the money collected by the state. The balance if any would remain in the state treasury. At present the original Illinois Central company pays into the state treasury about \$800,000 per annum.

A Notable Western Financier.
F. J. Short, from Tulsa, I. T., went to New York a little over five weeks ago, carrying a small dress suit case, in which there were a few bundles of papers and maps. Since then Mr. Short has succeeded in financing the Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas railroad, of which he is vice president, for \$13,000,000. As an example of western enterprise and financial diplomacy this is unique. When the man from Indian Territory landed he did not know a business man in New York. He had in his pocket papers giving him the right to use his own discretion in financing the road and to sign the necessary documents for the company. He also had the personal card of William F. Ellis of the Interstate Trust company, whom he had once met casually in the west. Short looked up Mr. Ellis, and through him gained the necessary backing. Three local trust companies put up \$8,500,000 of it. The other half was furnished by a London syndicate, acting through the Canadian bank. The railroad is to run from Memphis, Tenn., to Chanute, Kan., passing through Joplin, Mo., the mining city.

Cultivating Flowers.
The Illinois Central is now at work getting its greenhouses at the corner of Walnut and Washington streets into shape for the coming season. This greenhouse was constructed late last summer but nothing was done in the way of cultivating flowers during the winter months. It is the in-

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OFFICIAL CALL

For the Republican City Convention

The republican city convention will be held in the circuit court room in the court house in the city of Decatur, Friday March 20, 1903 at 7:30 o'clock p. m. The business of said convention will be to nominate one candidate for mayor, city clerk, city attorney and city treasurer.

The representation of each of the respective wards in said convention will be as follows:

1st ward13 delegates
2nd ward11 delegates
3rd ward17 delegates
4th ward16 delegates
5th ward12 delegates
6th ward14 delegates
7th ward9 delegates
The primaries for the nomination of city officers and for one candidate for alderman in each ward shall be held on Thursday, March 19th. The polls in each of the several wards shall be opened at 4 o'clock p. m. and shall close at 3 o'clock p. m.

The primaries in each of the several wards will be held at the following places:
1st ward—Hind's Livery barn, North Water street.
2nd ward—Ward's barber shop, 223 Main street.
3rd ward—Donke's barn, West Wood street.
4th ward—Council room, court house.
5th ward—Kraff's Bottling works.
6th ward—Corner Leafland and Warren streets.
7th ward—Hendrick's shop, West Green street.

The chairman shall have charge of the primaries in their respective wards and shall appoint some person to act as clerk and in the event any chairman is unable to serve he shall appoint some qualified republican to act as judge of such primary in his place. An official ticket will be prepared containing the name of each and every candidate for city office and each chairman shall prepare an official ticket of all candidates for alderman in his ward and only such tickets so voted shall be counted. Two ballot boxes shall be furnished one for general city tickets and the other for aldermanic tickets.

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the city at said primaries as determined by the convention shall be declared to be the nominees of the city and the candidate for which he was voted and the candidate for alderman in each ward receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the nominee of that ward for alderman.

Delegates to the city convention shall be appointed for each ward by the present chairman and after the polls shall have closed the republicans of each ward will elect one person to act as chairman of said ward for the next two years.

C. S. HANKINS,

Chairman.

BERT C. BOBB,

Secretary.

SIGNIFICANT DATE.

Thursday, March 19—David Livingstone, African explorer, born, 1813.

The beet sugar senator should form a trust with Morgan.

The Barnum and Bailey circus is again in America after an extensive European tour.

One Maryland woman is president of three national banks. Woman's sphere is perceptibly widening.

Now Mr. Senator Morgan do you feel any better since you have delayed the ratification of the greatest enterprise of modern times and forced a special session of the senate?

On account of the coming exposition St. Louis is trying to get both republican and democratic national conventions next year. These make a pretty good show in themselves.

This is the birthday of one of America's distinguished men, William Jennings Bryan. The "boy orator of the Platte" is 43 years old today. He was born at Salem, Marion county, Illinois, March 19, 1860. By some inadvertence Bryan day is not to be observed.

It is said that in Denmark there are companies which insure women who have a fear of becoming old maids. They pay stated sums every year. Would they marry before they are forty what they have paid in goes to the less fortunate. After they are forty they receive pensions for life.

Five years ago today, March 18, 1898, the battleship Oregon started on the world famous trip around Cape Horn in anticipation of the Spanish-American war. Her thousands of miles were covered in a remarkably short time. On arrival she was as fresh for a fight as though she had not traversed the length of the Pacific and half way back in the Atlantic. Had the Panama canal been opened two-thirds of this journey would have been cut.

It is given out that the queen of Servia is a late and distinguished convert to the idea that if one would preserve a good figure she must eschew luxurious beds.

Her majesty is conceded to possess the best figure and most stately carriage of all the royal women of Europe. She has given up the soft bed and down pillows and sleeps on a hard and narrow divan spread with an unyielding mattress.

There is no vestige of pillow under her head, but her feet rest on a small one.

Previous to taking up with this unregal method of resting the queen had been a sufferer from insomnia and nightmare, but from both these terrors she is now entirely free.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE.

The circuit court of Larue county, Ky., has ordered the sale some time in May of the farm which was the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, says the Tribune. At the time of the first sale of the farm it was bought by one Dennett of New York as a speculation for show purposes. He spent considerable money upon it, but his project failed. The state then offered it for sale for the taxes due upon it, but Dennett managed to pay them. He then sold the place to one Crear and immediately went into bankruptcy. The court has set aside this transfer as fraudulent and now orders the sale of the farm for the benefit of Dennett's creditors. Now is the time for Mr. Henry Watterson to utilize his eloquence. He is an ardent admirer of Lincoln and has paid more than one glowing tribute to his memory on anniversary days north and south. On the rostrum and through the columns of his paper he should arouse the pride of the Kentuckians and persuade the state to buy the place and preserve it for the whole American people. Failing that, as the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette suggests, the patriotic societies of the United States should make the purchase and especially the Grand Army of the Republic, with the departments of Illinois and Kentucky in the lead. The sum required to buy the farm will be small, but the time of sale will soon be here, and whatever is done will have to be done quickly. It is to be hoped in any event that the place will be kept out of the hands of speculators and that ultimately it may become public property, to be controlled by those who will take pride in caring for it.

PEOPLES' COLUMN.

Editor Herald—I notice by the reports in your paper that a considerable amount of paving is to be done this season. If the property owners and the tax payers want first class streets I would suggest first that they appoint one of the property owners along the line of improvement to look after their interests and in particular to inspect the specifications and the contract and see that it complied with it will make a first class, permanent improvement. In other words the property owners should look after it the same as they would if building a home under contract. Every property owner has all the power and all the legal rights under a contract to pave a street that he has under a contract to erect a residence. The contract to pave is in fact and in law a contract with the tax payers and owners of the property along the line of the street. Consequently they should see that in the first instance they had a good contract which, if complied with by the contractor will make a first class job. After the contract has been made a printed copy in red ink should be made and every property owner along the line of improvement should be furnished with a copy just the same as he would if he had a contract for building a house. And every property owner should study and become familiar with all the provisions of the contract and see that the material in quantity and quality and all the work is in compliance with the agreements of the contract and if not in every respect as specified in the contract stop the work at once.

The board of public improvements practically consists of a single individual who has a vast amount of other things to look after and does not have time to look after the pavement. And he may not have a cent's worth of experience in the matter. He is simply the agent of the property owners, not selected to know whether it is being complied with or not. As evidence of the above you have only to examine the many miles of paving put down years ago as my observations and knowledge stand and that is to nearly all the paving done in Decatur, is that the contract is bad and if good, not complied with by the contractor. If you expect to get good results the property owners must look after it. Appoint some property owner without pay to look after your interest and look after it yourself. It does not take much time to see whether the material and work done is in compliance with the contract. It is not necessary to stand over the job all the time. Thirty minutes a day is ample time to inspect the work and material and tell whether it is up to contract or not. Every property owner having a copy of the contract in his home will get familiar with it and when he understands that he has full power and authority to stop the work if it is not up to contract he will certainly look after it. Past experience demonstrates that he should.

A. WAIT.

Miss Weldy's Statement.

Editor Herald: There has of late appeared in your paper an article apparently copied from The Rocky Mountain News in which Prof. J. H. Dickey is charged with separating B. F. Baird and myself. I wish to correct this error and place myself, as well as Prof. Dickey in the true light. In the first place Baird voluntarily after it became necessary to

do so through ill treatment. A short time ago he filed a suit for divorce against me charging infidelity, which your paper also commented upon. I knew nothing of this suit through summons or advertisement and never learned of it until lately. I wish now to publicly refute the infamous charge of his bill, by kindness of your paper.

While he has obtained a decree of separation in that suit and upon those false grounds, yet I am not ready to say at this time that I will endeavor to have the decree set aside but will determine that later as that requires money that I have not got until I earn it. I wish to inform the public I was freed of an illegal marriage by law some few months ago, hence a divorce by Baird was not necessary, as the marriage to him was illegal, owing to his using undue influence, compulsion and fraud and swearing I was eighteen years of age, when as a matter of fact I was but fifteen years old. In order to secure a marriage license, hence I have the right to prosecute by law, if necessary for perjury.

I am now free and have been for some months, and have come to deny these infamous charges for they are utterly false in detail and if necessary wield the sword of justice unto those who falsify, defame and assail my character.

Respectfully,

Addie Weldy.

A BUSY SEASON

Is Promised in the Building Line in Decatur During the Present Year.

THE ARCHITECTS ARE ENGAGED.

On Plans for New Residences—Work On Jail.

The working plans and specifications for the new county jail which are being prepared by Architect B. S. Brooks will be ready for the contractors to examine in two or three weeks. Within a month or six weeks work will probably be started on the improvement.

It will not be necessary to remove the prisoners from the jail while the structure is being remodeled. The prisoners will remain in the old part while the addition is being built and then they can be put in the new part while the old building is being repaired. The iron to be used in the jail will all be made to special order. Some of it will be too proof iron and as it will take some time to get the iron and as there will be other delays the work on the jail will not be finished sooner than about four months.

The Wabash Hospital.
The new Wabash hospital is far enough along in construction to show that it will be a handsome building. It is located quite a distance back from the street and covers a good deal of ground. The entrance will be particularly handsome.

There has been a delay in securing brick but a supply arrived Wednesday and during the afternoon the brick masons who have been laid off for several days are again put to work. Six men are at work putting on the roof which is made of little flat red tiles much the same in shape and size as the slate used in slate roofs. The tinners will probably start on the gutters and spouting today and the electric men will also start to wire the building. The plumbers have already piped part of the building for gas.

The Library.
At the new library building the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible but the contractors will not say how soon the building will be completed. The board hopes to be able to open the place by May 1. Workmen are now busy laying the floor in the building and preparing the woodwork for painting and finishing.

Residences.
A. W. Conklin expects to make quite an extensive improvement on his residence at the corner of East Eldorado and North Franklin streets. R. O. Rosen is drawing sketches for an elaborate porch and vestibule for the front of the house. The improvements will make the house one of the most artistic residences in the city.

The \$3,000 residence which J. M. Gray will build on the lot he bought of Dr. H. C. Jones on Prairie avenue will be a modern house. The plans which Architect Rosen has drawn for the house show on the lower floor a handsome entrance and vestibule and a large reception hall into which opens the parlor. Back of the parlor is a sitting room and adjoining it is a dining room. All of these rooms will connect with sliding doors. A large butler's pantry will be located between the dining room and kitchen. There will be back and front stairs and on the second floor there will be a bath room and five bedrooms. The whole house will probably be finished in chestnut and there will be a finished basement and attic. A large porch will be built across the house and around one side of the house.

Architect B. S. Brooks is planning a new house for Mrs. Mary Usrey which she will build on a lot she owns in the 500 block on West Decatur street. It will be a modern house costing about \$3,500.

Plans for the repair of several different houses are being made by Mr. Brooks. Levi Tow's house on West Eldorado street is to be remodeled and a new porch is to be built on Rev. S. H. Bowyer's house. T. T. Roberts will build a new farm house near Mt. Auburn.

Architect Rosen has prepared plans for two houses out of the city. One will be a farm house which Hans Helt will erect near Garrett. It will be a house to cost \$3,500 and will have a system of heating, plumbing, and lighting and will be quite as modern as a city residence. W. H. Joseph will build a modern country house near Tuscola which will also be supplied with all conveniences.

George Connard will make some improvements on his residence on West Wood street. He will have a new porch and some additions.

Dr. Cass Chenoweth has been figuring on some improvements on the brick house on William street at the rear of business buildings. The house is the only recently sold by J. H. Krebs. One of the architects has been talking some of building a regular city apartment house with four apartments each suitable for one family and fitted with all modern conveniences.

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Thieves Made Way With a Big Lot of the Stock.

The store room at 632 East Eldorado street was looted some time during the interval from Monday night and Wednesday morning.

In that room some of the promoters of the Woman's Exchange had gathered a lot of stuff to sell to raise money to discharge the obligations of the Exchange.

The place was not opened Tuesday and the fact that a robbery had been committed was not known until Wednesday morning when business was to be resumed. The wide open door at the rear gave notice of the theft before any goods were missed. Then a glance was sufficient to show that the thieves had made a big hole in the stock.

Clothing, shoes and furs, some of the goods being as desirable as though new, some plated silverware, all estimated to be worth \$100, were gone.

The robbery made a big hole in the possibilities and under the complete settlement of obligations as had been hoped for.

Brick Yards Resume.
All of the brick making plants which were compelled to suspend operations because of the cold weather and shortage of coal, have during the last week resumed operations. The Decatur brick company is at present molding from 40,000 to 50,000 bricks each day and members of the company say that within a short time that number will be increased to 60,000 per day.

What worries the brick makers now more than anything else is that they cannot deliver their output. The roads are rapidly drying out and in another week will be in fair condition.

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For something good, try Mrs. Austin's famous Pancake Flour, ready in a jiffy. Your grocer has it on hand.

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Breaking Sod.
The railroad men report that the farmers where they have such work to do are now busy breaking sod with a continuation of the weather conditions which have existed during this week until Monday next, the farmers generally will begin the work of breaking ground for their oats crop.

GOES TO ISHPEMING.
I. A. Roberts who for some time past has been in the office of the Morehouse & Wells company has resigned his position with that firm and will leave today for Ishpeming, Mich., where he will take a position with a hardware firm.

It cost \$50,000 to perfect Norka, the cooked oats. It costs but 15 cents to buy a package of

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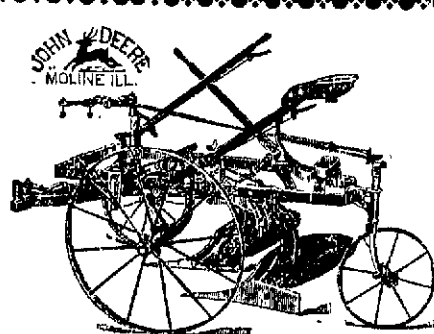
One day last week to buy of us a "John Deere" Plow was "up to snuff."

He'd had experience—for he bought another kind last year—tried it—and was glad to get the use of his neighbor's "John Deere" to finish his work.

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Cured forever without the aid of mercury or potash.

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Cured without dilating or cutting. No pain.

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Or any swelling, tenderness or impediments to the parts, restored to their normal size at once.

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And emissions that sap the very life from you, permanently cured in from 10 to 15 days.

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Of men, women and children cured in from 10 to 30 days. No cutting or detention from business.

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We care not of how long standing, as we can dry them up at once.

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In all its forms, is permanently cured by our system of treatment.

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That are shrunken, undeveloped or wasted, restored to their normal size.

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